

## Rambling Roses and Flying Bricks

By Earl Tucker

Last Summer, out in a Texas hospital, the Lord promised to let me go home more good hunting trip down at my camp, and last week, sure enough, we took off for three days of rest and relaxation. When I say we it is not the editorial "we" employed by some writers. Making the trip was my doctor, my nurse and a half dozen friends who when along to help set up the "hospital."

We had a portable generator, two oxygen tanks, gauze, bandage, adhesive tape, hypodermic needles, thermometers and more medicine than Ely Lilly and Upjohn. The allied forces on "D" Day were no better stocked.

The first day at camp I suggested that it might be best for me to sort of rest up following the trip. I got a rocking chair on the front porch, overlooking Hal's Lake and put in a powerful fine day of resting while the others went off in the woods in search of game, which, I am happy to say, they did not find.

The following day, it looked sort of rainy and I figured the damness might go against me so I slept until about 10 a. m. got up and went back out on the front porch where I did some more resting and relaxing.

That night the others began scratching and complaining about red bugs, or chiggers, and I thought up a lot of remedies walking and the first thing they

do is chunk a few squirrels and a 'coon down on the steps, get a cold drink and flop down in a comfortable chair.

They get so comfortable they wish to goodness they hadn't killed anything and everybody keeps hoping somebody else will volunteer to clean the game and they start saying as how nobody at their house will eat wild meat. Finally, a couple of guys will get up and say they might as well get started on the job and it takes 'em about two hours and they ice down the squirrels and 'coons and they look real nice.

When time comes to leave camp and head for home everybody will go by the ice box and say they "might as well take a few squirrels home just in case somebody might want some." and if it's long before all those fellows who sat in the rocking chairs have just about cleaned out the ice box and all that's left for the two guys who did the cleaning is a couple of shot-up squirrels and one tough looking 'coon that will have to be boiled 24 hours before you can stick a tooth in him.

Sometimes I think everybody else is getting lazy and brilliant like me. I went ten years ago, without cleaning a fish, I would tell my fishing buddies to clean the fish while I closed up the camp. All I had to do was pull the front door to be in the camp. All I had to do was look 'em a long time to catch on. Then everybody wanted to "close up the camp" and now we only have one door.

Everybody was mighty nice to me now, though, since I was sick. They insisted on me sitting in a rocking chair while they did the work. It sort of reminded me of the way it's always been.

The Lord was mighty nice, too, about seeing to it that I got to go. Just like I asked Him. However, the weather was a little drizzly and cool, and seeing as how I didn't get out much, maybe He can see fit to let me make one more trip.

ACP Can 'Help Do The Job,' Says Chairman

ACP is a practical program that actually gets conservation work done on privately owned farmland, according to Mr. Roy L. Ellis, chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee.

He pointed out that each year through the Agricultural Conservation Program - the Government shares with more than a million farmers and ranchers the cost of soil, water, woodland, and wildlife conservation practices on individual farms and ranches throughout the Nation. Recent estimates show that program practices were carried out in 1962 on 1.2 million farms, of which

about 200,000 were "new" participants on which no significant conservation measures had been carried out in several years.

In 1964, the Chairman explained, special emphasis is again being given to conservation or more efficient use of water.

Practices of primary benefit to wildlife likewise are especially encouraged by the 1964 program. Both financial and technical assistance is available to farmers for developing or

restoring shallow water areas for wildlife, for constructing ponds and dams for wildlife, and for establishing cover and food plots, and for other practices that will enhance wildlife.

Definite specifications, designed to meet technical standards and local needs, must be met in completing the practices if they are to qualify for ACP cost-

share assistance, Mr. Ellis reminded farm operators. He urged farmers who are considering conservation projects for their farm land to check with the ASGS County Office for information on the kinds and specifications of practices for which ACP cost share assistance will be available for 1964.

Rats cost Americans over \$1 billion a year. The \$10 loss per rat breaks down into \$3 for food he eats, \$6 for food he contaminates and \$1 for damaged property.

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"THE MADONNA AND CHILD ENTHRONED" is a 15th century reproduction of a favorite subject for artists. Painted in tempera on wood, it is the work of Fra Filippo Lippi, a Florentine who is known for his use of color and graceful line. From The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The J. Paul Getty Collection, 1949.

### Little but Legend Known About Visit of Wise Men

Many legends have developed around the visit of the three wise men to adore the Infant Jesus. Even their number is legendary. St. Matthew, the only book in the New Testament that refers to the visit, reports that wise men came from the east, without stating how many there were. It was not until later, in a legend which can be traced back to the second century, that they were called "kings," according to The Encyclopedia Americana. In even later times, they were distinguished as Melchior, Gaspar or Caspar, and Balthasar. The magi originally stood for the priestly caste of the ancient Persian Zoroastrian religion. As the religion moved westward, it came in contact with Babylonian beliefs and practices and derived a strong interest in astrology, demonology and magic. By the time it reached the Graeco-Roman world, it was practically identical, in the popular view, with astrology and magic. This explains the use of the term "wise men" by St. Matthew, since they were astrologers.

### Candles Cast Festive Glow On Traditional Yule Scene

Candles have cast a glow over Christmas festivities for centuries. One of the very earliest of legends tells of the Christ Child wandering the streets of the world in search of shelter on Christmas Eve. Lighted candles are placed in windows to welcome Him. From Germany comes a similar belief that the Virgin Mary and a host of angels pass over the countryside each Christmas Eve. Candles are put in the windows of German homes as an invitation and guide to the food that is traditionally left for them.

Many of the Christmas traditions that have sprung up around the use of candles had their origin in pagan rites. The pagan Yule, nearly coinciding with today's date for Christmas, was accompanied by the burning of a giant log during the twelve days in which it was thought that the sun stood still. From this stems Yule log tradition. In medieval Europe the custom arose of also lighting a giant Christmas candle that would burn brightly till Twelfth Night.

During their Saturnalia Romans fastened candles to trees to dispel the darkness, thus indicating the sun's return. There is an old story that Martin Luther brought a fir tree into the nursery one Christmas Eve for his wife and children. To show them the glory of the night when Christ was born, he decorated the tree with lighted candles, representing stars.

Today, electric lights have taken the place of candles on Christmas trees, but candles still burn brightly in churches and homes throughout the world. One of the most impressive holiday uses of candles is in the candlelight carol and communion services held in many churches at Christmas time. Appropriately enough, one of the loveliest of candlelight ceremonies takes place each year in the Central Moravian

### All About Dogs

#### Good Grooming Pays

What makes a dog distinctive? It can be his breed, or lack of breed—or lack of breeding. But very often the principle difference is grooming. Whether your dog is to be a



show or trial champion, or a friend and companion, he needs grooming and posing. Both are essential for appearance and health's sake. Dogs taught to pose for grooming, toe nail clipping, eye cleaning, burr removal and similar things as puppies learn they cannot grow or idle when a person is working or playing with them. For example, if you touch your dog to pose, as show dogs do,

Buy quality needles of known make. They have sharp points and smooth eyes. Interior needles fray and break thread.

### Kittens

by H. JACK MIDDLETON, Purina Cat Care Center

#### Naming Your Cat

Choosing a name for a cat can be difficult—but it's fun. Cats are rugged, proud individuals. Their individualism and their

aristocratic bearing and manner often seem to call for names that match. I've heard of cats named Lord Nelson, King Oliver, Regina, Sabina, Your Majesty, Mr. Justice and Mercedes. On the other hand, there have also been cats named Lucretia, Iago, Bullion and Beggar. Nicest thing about naming cats is that you can let your imagination roam.

I can't suggest a name for the cat you own. That's a job only you can do, since each owner knows best how his cat behaves and what name would complement his cat's personality or markings. But it's a sure bet you'll have fun picking a name.

A suggestion: Once you've chosen a name for your pet, stick to it. Whenever the name, or address your cat as "Kitty" will only confuse him. Use the same name constantly and your cat will soon learn to respond to your calls. A purrhead cat with a pedigree may have a long, fancy, registered name that you find too cumbersome for everyday use. If so, choose a special nickname for your little aristocrat—but again, make sure you use that name all the time.

# Greetings

## of the Season

The Holidays are here... with all their flurry, hurry, fun and frolic!

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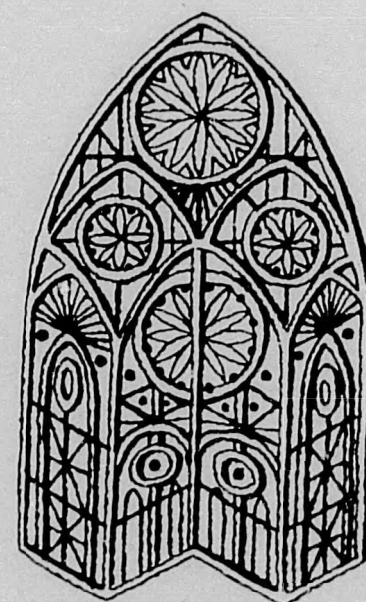
all has indeed made our Season bright and happy.



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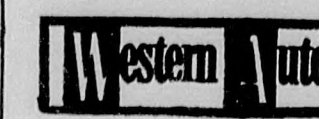
Cook foods made with milk and cheese at low

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Tall men should pass up bold vertical stripes and distinct herringbones in favor of more subtle patterns and glen plaids which give the illusion of width.

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### Yuletide Spirit Stays All Year

Nearly every community has its special way of observing Christmas—and in some towns and cities, the spirit of Christmas prevails, literally, the year around.

In Waterbury, Conn., an all-year reminder of the first Noel is the re-creation of the Town of Bethlehem on nearby Pine Hill.

This non-sectarian "Bethlehem" was constructed to scale after research and study of photos showing the Biblical country. The cave or manger where Christ was born, in a like the one where there was no room, and the Roman legation where the tax collection decreed by Augustus Caesar to be paid are among the buildings represented.

"Poetic license" has been used to include some buildings which were not, or may not have been, located in Bethlehem, such as "David's Home" and Herod's Grand Palace.

Crowned by a Cross, Pine Hill has proved an ideal location for the project, since its shape is similar to the limestone cliff where Bethlehem in Judea was built.

Other "Bethlehems" in the United States include Bethlehem, Pa., and Bethlehem, Ind. The Pennsylvania Bethlehem emphasizes the religious meaning of Christmas during its annual celebration. A star erected on a nearby mountain top is lighted throughout the holiday season.

Star Is Beacon Near Palmer Lake, Colo., an electrically lighted star on a mountain top is a Christmas season beacon for motorists on highways many miles away. Lighting Displays Beautiful lighting displays for Christmas are famous in many U.S. cities.

### For Christmas Enjoyment

## President Sought 'Good Old Days'

At Christmas time, nostalgia for the "good old days" is as prevalent as turkey and trimmings, decorations and gifts. Everybody had more fun—or so the feeling goes—during those good old-fashioned Christmas when life was simpler and, according to tradition, the snow drifts were always piled high, the foods for feasting were always home-grown and home-cooked, the gifts and decoration always lovingly hand-made and the tree itself always chopped down by the head of the house on a personal foray to some hillside or lot.

Christmas nostalgia has even been known to affect heads of state—to be specific, a President of the United States. It was everyone's duty, the President felt, to make Christmas merry. He and his family, he declared, were going to have an "old-fashioned" Christmas tree.

It Happened in 1891. A search through recent newspapers, or even through recent history, would provide no details, however, about this resolve. For the President was Benjamin Harrison, who, on December 22 in 1891, announced to reporters his plan for a "good old-fashioned" Christmas.

Most people today whose thoughts turn to Christmas of yore would certainly settle for a date much later than 1891 as the time when the "good old-fashioned Christmas" had ceased to exist.

But if the spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas didn't vanish as early as President Harrison feared it had, when did it go? Or has it really disappeared forever?

Most of all, an "old-fashioned" Christmas is made up of traditions. Even in northern climates, only hope, luck and the weatherman can say, each year, whether the traditional snow drifts will be forthcoming. Other traditions, however, may not necessarily belong only to the past.

Not All "Store Bought" Preparing foods for feasting was doubtless fun—and hard work—in the good old days. But not all Christmas cookies, candies and fruit cakes today are "store bought." Many a family cherishes the tradition of having the children "help" Mother as the holiday goodies are concocted.

Even the ready-prepared foods have their traditions. For instance, some families deliver gift packages of cakes or candies to friends when they make Christmas calls;

others set forth a table of treats in the home, ready to share with callers. The same is true of that "good old days" habit of making gifts. In this "new day" of increasing interest in sewing, many lovingly home-crafted gifts are found under Christmas trees—and yesterday's Mom would not have been glad to trade her treadle sewing machine for one of today's electric models.

Can't Chop Tree While Dad may not be able to chop down a tree for the family (conservationists of our "good old forests" wouldn't approve), a look at any place where trees are sold in the days before Christmas reveals that choosing the tree is still a personal, all-family matter, involving plenty of old-fashioned fun.

Almost every nostalgic dream of Christmas long ago seems to have its counterpart in the present. And all the while new traditions are building up, as each family, each community creates and treasures its customs.

In another 70 years, perhaps, some public figure may say, "It's time to get back to the good old ways of celebrating Christmas." So have an old-fashioned Christmas, now!

### Form Briefs

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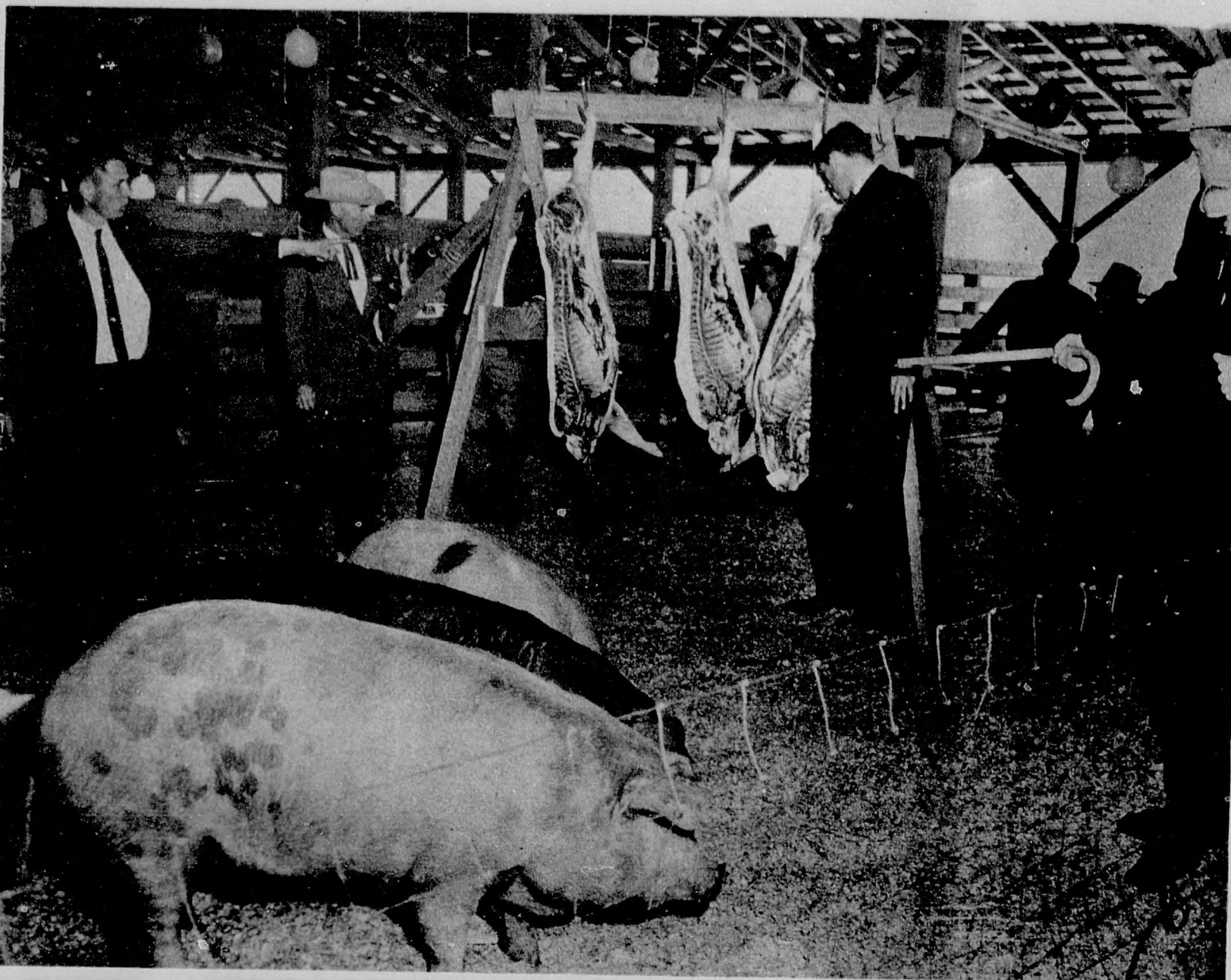
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## Frosty Morn Station Demonstrates Hog Grading Improvements



FROSTY MORN OFFICIALS AND ELBA MAYOR - From left Carlton Larkins, manager of the Elba Frosty Morn Buying Station; Larry Neuhaufl, owner, J.W. Camp, vice-president, both of Montgomery, and Mayor Dozier Roberts, of Elba. Approximately 200 hog producers attended the live hog carcass demonstration.

Top picture is a scene of the demonstration program.

### Friday 13 Nor Rain Didn't Dampen Spirits Of Hog Producers At Frosty Morn

Though the weather was rainy and extremely cold last Friday afternoon, the Frosty Morn Buying Station here in Elba had nearly 200 hog producing farmers as guests for a hog grading demonstration and program. The Extension Service personnel of Auburn University was in charge of the live hog carcass grading and demonstration, including cutting and trimming. All U.S. grades were demonstrated. This was an excellent opportunity for hog producers to get the latest facts

pertaining to improvements in hog production. Frosty Morn officials were present including the owner, Mr. Larry Neuhaufl, and his first time to meet with the farmers of this area. Mr. J.W. Camp, vice-president, of Montgomery, was here and talked to the many farmers attending. Camp has been in Elba on several different occasions for special meetings pertaining to livestock.

The Frosty Morn Buying Station began operation

one year ago this month and has spent approximately three-quarters of a million dollars for livestock in this area. Carlton Larkins, manager of the Elba Station, has worked with the hog producers of this area and he has made Frosty Morn Packing Company a valuable man. He has made a lot of new friends for the Frosty Morn operation and is working toward the company's interest as well as the welfare of hog producers.

### Lesson On Making Meringues Presented At HDC Meeting

The Bonnie Taylor Home Demonstration Club held its December meeting in the home of Mrs. O.L. Kelley. The story and song "Joy to the World" was given by Mrs. Hudson. The food preservation leader, Mrs. Gladys Hudson, gave an interesting lesson on making meringues. Two delicious desserts were prepared by this recipe. The meeting adjourned and refreshments were served by the hostess to Mrs. Gerald Crook, Mrs. Harshel Taylor, Mrs. Shirley Kelley, Mrs. Ekar Taylor, Mrs. Wayne Northey, Mrs. Elmer Taylor, Mrs. Harold Hudson, Mrs. Shirley Carpenter, Mrs. Jay D. Hudson, Mrs. Shelby Morrow, Mrs. Edd Hudson, Mrs. Clifford Bouwell, Mrs. Everette Kelley, Mrs. William Moore, Mrs. Randall Hudson.

### W. M. Reeves

#### Died Dec. 8th In Opp Hospital

William M. Reeves, 74, passed away Sunday in an Opp hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Fairview Baptist Church with the Reverends Billy Cumble, Paul Kendrick and Hamilton Nelson officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Mollie Reeves, Rt. 3, Elba; ten daughters, Mrs. J. O. Wise, Panama City, Florida, Mrs. O. R. Blair, Elba, Mrs. C. S. Howell, Gainesville, Fla., Mrs. J. W. Cook and Mrs. Lester J. Allen, both of Fort Walton, Florida, Mrs. W. M. Carnley, Samson, Mrs. Velma Baxley, Niceville, Florida, Mrs. Earl Cox, Valparaiso, Florida, Mrs. Burrin Harrison, Miami, Florida, and Mrs. Ray Fuller, Kinross; his mother, Mrs. Ida Reeves, Enterprise; two sisters, Mrs. Bert Williams, Enterprise and Mrs. Thelma Bryant, Jay, Florida; six brothers, Obe and Cheston Reeves, both of Kinross, Ben and Si Reeves, both of Winter Garden, Florida, Dewey Reeves, Jacksonville, Florida and Deval Reeves, Jay, Florida; 33 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Among newsworthy furnishings fabrics is "horsehair" upholstery made of nylon. This has all the characteristics of the original horsehair, plus one added modern advantage—washability.

### \$85,000 Refund

#### Under Way By Covington Co-op

Distribution of an \$85,000 Patronage Capital refund to Covington Electric Cooperative members began this week. Covington Electric President J. L. Bryant stated that some 10,000 consumers would share in the refund on a pro-rata basis, in accordance with their purchases of electricity from the Cooperative during 1962.

Some of the refund checks have already been placed in the mail, and the work of distributing the remaining refunds will be completed by December 20, Bryant said.

He pointed out that the \$85,000 now being returned to Covington Electric members would bring to \$300,000 the total refunded during the last three years. "In addition to this refund, lower rate schedules were placed in effect for several classes of service effective with the September 1 billing, which will mean additional savings for approximately \$120,000 per year for Covington Electric members," Bryant declared.

"This is indicative of what can be accomplished by working together," he added.

Bryant pointed out that Covington Electric has already repaid more than \$1,450,000 on the principal of its REA loans (plus interest payments in excess of \$515,000), and is now repaying its remaining loan obligations at the rate of over \$150,000 per year. Covington Electric serves more than 9,800 consumers in Covington, Coffee, Crenshaw and Geneva counties, and operates more than 1,600 miles of power lines and related facilities.

When the Cooperative began operations in late 1944, less than 10 percent of the rural residents in the area it now serves had electric service, Bryant said. Today, such service is available to practically every person desiring it, he added.

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MISS JOYCE HAWKINS  
February Bride-elect

### Joyce Hawkins, Cleve Taylor To Exchange Vows In Episcopal Ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Richard V. Hawkins, of Tullahoma, Tennessee, announce the engagement of their daughter, Joyce, to Cleve Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Taylor, Mobile, Alabama. The wedding will take place February 8 at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Tullahoma, Tennessee. The bride-elect was graduated from Tullahoma Senior High and is now a student at St. Thomas School of Nursing, Nashville, Tennessee. The bridegroom-to-be was graduated from Theodore High School, Mobile, Alabama and is now a student in the School of Engineering, Auburn University. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity. The Taylor family are former residents of Elba who moved to Mobile several years ago.

Ann Bowdoin. The Little Moon program was given by Margaret Cole.

### Lottie Moon Program Given At YWA Meeting

The YWA of the First Baptist Church met Tuesday evening with Sara Warr. Before the program began, the hostess mother, Mrs. E.M. Warr, served a delicious hamburger supper to the YWA members and their counselors, Mrs. M.J. Lee and Miss June Ray Jones. Members attending were: Sara Warr, Margaret Cole, Frances Jo Windham, Carla Cook, Harriett Collier, Marcia and Sandra Lowrey, Carol and Gayle Proctor, Barbara and Sandra Cain, Barbara Miles, Page Rowe, Randi Knight, and Joyce Ann Bowdoin.

### CAUGHT RED-HANDED

Why dye clothes the hard way? Find CLEANERS AND DYERS fast in the YELLOW PAGES, where YOUR FINGERS DO THE WALKING.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Reynolds, Mrs. Lucy Mae Lanier, and Mr. Barrow Thompson attended funeral service for Mr. Will Reynolds in Red Level last Thursday.

### Vaughans Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John August Vaughan were honored Sunday afternoon, December 15 with a golden wedding anniversary tea given at the home of their eldest daughter, Mrs. W.R. Fuller, in Zion Chapel Community. Mr. Vaughan is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughan, and Mrs. Vaughan is the former Miss Georgia Lee, eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Lee. The host, Mr. Fuller, was outside to welcome the guests and to direct them in parking their cars. Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Lee, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Lee, was outside to welcome the guests and to direct them in parking their cars. Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Lee, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Lee, was outside to welcome the guests and to direct them in parking their cars.

### Mrs. Murphree Hostess To Elba Study Club

A covered dish supper and a delightful social hour was enjoyed by members of the Elba Study Club Wednesday night when they met at the home of Mrs. F. H. Murphree. The covered talent for the artistic decorating of the Christmas theme. The long banquet table held a centerpiece of camellias. Features of the evening's entertainment were voting the club's superlatives and the exchanging of gifts.

### James Brooks Is at Home for Christmas Vacation

James Brooks is at home for Christmas vacation from University School of Nursing in Birmingham to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Brooks.

### Members Present Were:

Mrs. T.D. Kendrick, Mrs. Frances Farris, Miss Eunora Farris, Mrs. J. M. Garrett, Mrs. M.A. Owen, Mrs. George Collier, Sr., Mrs. J.C. Fleming, Miss Lallie Harper, Mrs. W.C. Braswell, Mrs. J.D. Lowery, Mrs. Fred Harper, Miss Mabel Brunson, Mrs. J.M. Kimney, Mrs. W. M. Kingsford, Mrs. Lamar Rainer, Sr., Mrs. W. P. Windham, Mrs. David Carter, Mrs. Fox Brunson, and Mrs. Heyward Taylor.

### Elba Music Lovers Meet Thursday Afternoon

Mrs. J. B. Taylor and Mrs. Price Ringo were hostesses to Elba Music Lovers' Club Thursday afternoon at the Taylor home. A bright and beautiful Christmas tree and a lighted flower arrangement on the mantel were used in decoration. Mrs. W. C. Braswell presided, and Mrs. Edwin Cooper announced the program which consisted of: devotion by Mrs. George Collier, Sr., musical reading by Miss Mabel Brunson, vocal solo "There's a Song in the Air" by Mrs. Mack Wise, and a piano selection from Macdowell by Mrs. George Lamar Collier. The hostesses served coffee and cake to Mrs. Charles Graham, Mrs. Bill McCollough, Mrs. Cecil Kendrick, Mrs. Cecil Prescott, Mrs. J.D. Whitman, Mrs. Baxter Bryan, Mrs. J. M. Buchanan, and others already named.

### After a well selected devotion by the circle chairman, the members made their Lottie Moon Christmas offering to foreign missions. The meeting was dismissed with prayer.

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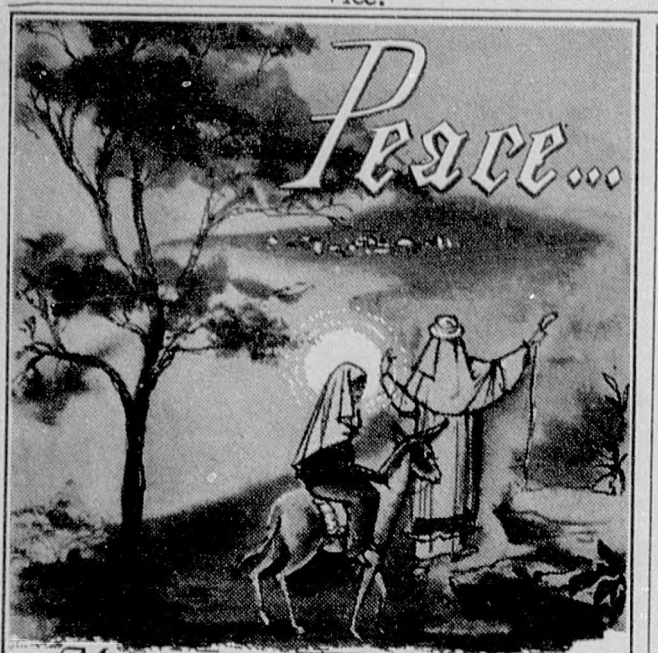
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## Candles Gleam, Bells Ring, St. Nick Arrives — It's Merry Christmas!

Christmas comes but once a year — and into that magic "once" are packed years and years of well-loved traditions. Candles gleam brightly, bells ring merrily, glad carols fill the air.  
Up goes the tree and on go the ornaments and lights, in many a home and in many other places, too, both in and out of doors. Evergreen branches, holly and mistletoe decorate the season.  
Children eagerly await Santa Claus, his sleigh and his reindeer. Stockings are hung and greetings and gifts, gaily wrapped, spread the spirit of Christmas.  
How did it all begin? The manger scene, in churches and homes, testifies to the religious meaning and real beginning of Christmas. To be glad and grateful, to give and to help others are expressions of that meaning.  
The legends and customs of the holiday season, however, come from scores of sources, and many ancient festivals have contributed their part to Christmas as a time of merry-making.

**Giving Gifts**  
First of all Christmas gifts were gold, frankincense and myrrh, the wise men's gifts to the infant Jesus. Gift giving at the season of the year now celebrated as Christmas can also be traced back to pre-Christian times.  
The ancient Romans exchanged gifts during their Saturnalia, a festival honoring Saturn, the pagan god of agriculture. Hanging gifts on trees figured in Druid tree worship in early Britain.

**Helping Poor**  
Principles of Christianity are reflected in Christmas giving to the poor and unfortunate. An old legend says that on Christmas Eve the Christ Child roams the earth, dressed as a beggar, in search of food and shelter. People believed that any kindness shown a beggar expressed a love for Jesus.  
**Decorating Trees**  
In ancient feasts of the winter equinox, trees were adorned with tinsel. Like many pagan customs, the evergreen tree became associated with Christmas. Observances and legends link it to the birth of Christ. One story says that a Christmas Eve all the trees of the forest bloomed and bore fruit.

**Lighting Candles**  
Candles at Christmas symbolize the coming of Christ as the Light of the World. Since earliest times, man has used lights — torches, watchfires, beacons — on occasions of joyous celebration.  
Custom of placing a candle in the window on Christmas Eve is usually attributed to the Irish. It was thought that Christ wandered the earth on that night, and a candle would show Him a home where He was welcome, or help to light Him on his way.

**Cotton Quiz**  
HOW ARE SOME COTTON FIELDS LIKE A ROAD?  
IN TESTS, ASPHALT IS BEING SPRAYED OVER COTTON. SEED TO KEEP DOWN WEEDS.

**Science Seeks Source Of The Star**  
Since St. Matthew first described the star of Bethlehem, its mystery has fascinated mankind. Was it a miracle? Or was it a brighter-than-usual star or other celestial object?  
Astronomers, while seeking to identify the star, emphasize that it may have been indeed a miracle that can't be explained in terms of natural phenomena. However, research has provided material for conjecture that the star may have been a natural occurrence.  
**One Discovery**  
A Danish astronomer, Tycho Brahe, discovered a new and brilliant star in the constellation Cassiopeia in 1572, according to the Encyclopedia Americana.  
Since that discovery, the Americans say, it has been suggested that this might be an especially brilliant star visible only at long intervals.  
A reported appearance of a bright star in that part of the heavens about the middle of the 13th century, coupled with a vague account of a similar appearance a little more than 300 years earlier, led to the thought that these might possibly be former appearances of the star of 1572.  
It, as this might indicate, the star appeared at intervals of 310 to 315 years, three intervals of 300-odd years from the time it was first reported would carry it back to about the time of the birth of Christ.  
**Another Theory**  
Johannes Kepler, a German astronomer, made discoveries that led to still another theory about the star of Bethlehem. In 1604, he observed a configuration, or close grouping, of the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Mars.  
He determined that such a configuration occurred every 805 years, and calculations established that the same grouping might have appeared in 6 B.C. — which, some research indicates, may have been the correct year of Christ's birth.  
Since legends identify the theory accounts for the fact that, as reported in the New Testament, only the wise men saw the star.  
While the three planets grouped together would shed unusual brightness, the average observer might not notice them, while the wise men, as astrologers, would.

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture forecasts, the 1963 fall potato crop is estimated at 190.3 million hundredweight, nearly seven per cent more than the last five-year average.



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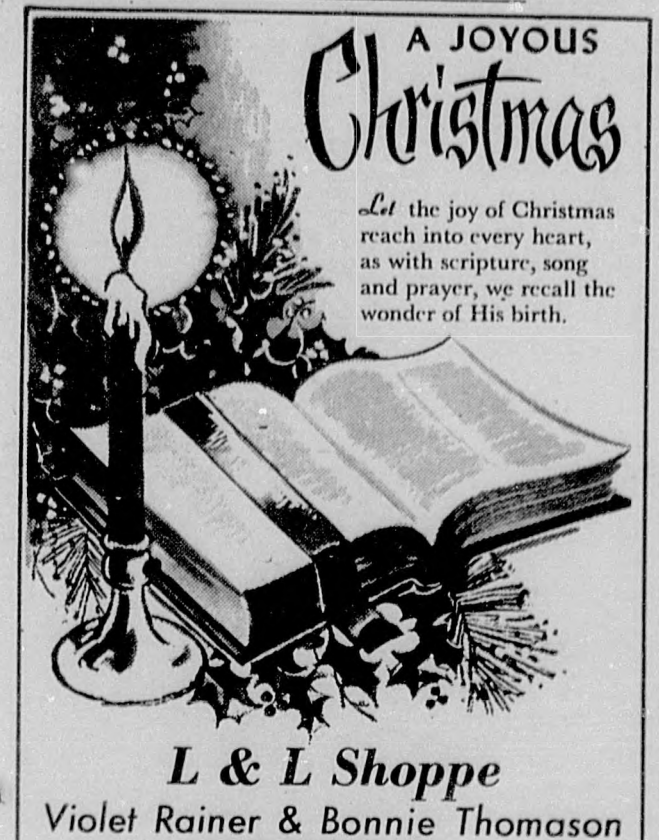
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Again, at this happiest of all seasons, may we extend our heartiest wishes to you all... hoping that every joy and delight of the Yuletide will be yours to enjoy to the fullest. Merry Christmas!

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Festivity fills the air all about us... spirits soar and the mood is joyful as Christmas is greeted once more. Happily, we participate in the celebration to let each and every one of you know how wonderful a year you've made it possible for us to have... and how very much we appreciate your loyalty and friendship.

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## Spirit of Christmas Rules In Community Celebrations

It's Christmas time! Everywhere, glad sights and sounds reflect the spirit of the season, as this community celebrates the joyous holiday.  
The spirit of Christmas is seen, in gaily decorated streets and stores, in homes aglow with light and festive with evergreens, in churches where the manger scene tells anew the wonderful old story of a holy Babe who was born in Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago.  
The spirit of Christmas is felt, as last minute preparations for the big celebration are made. There are always, it seems, some packages still to be wrapped, some final trimmings to be put on the tree, some part of the Christmas pageant or choral program that needs just one more rehearsal, some extra touches to make the Christmas story and see the manger scene.

The spirit of Christmas means giving, with love wrapped into every package. And it means sharing — the riches of thoughtful consideration and genuine interest, as well as time and money — with the aged, the ill, the needy and unfortunate.  
The spirit of Christmas means a warm renewal of family ties and close friendships, and an enjoyment of traditions treasured through the years.  
The special customs each family creates for itself, as well as the traditions garnered from the lore and legends of Christmas.

**Naming the Day**  
As a holy day and a holiday, Christmas means both prayerful worship and festive merry-making. The holy meaning of the day is expressed in its name.  
The Latin name for Christmas translates as the Feast or Birthday of Our Lord. The English Christmas means the Mass of Christ, a meaning which is closely paralleled by the Dutch "Kerstmis." In German it's "Weihnacht," or sacred night.  
The French "Noel" has several possible meanings — news, birthday or a "shout of joy." Whatever the exact origin, there's no question that Noel now means Christmas.

**How the Tree Grew**  
When the German prince Alfred married Queen Victoria, he carried the custom of the Yule tree to England, and from there it spread by imitation and immigration to the United States and Canada.  
The German origin is appropriate, since it was in Germany that the English missionary St. Boniface, formerly a monk named Winfrid, first instituted the decorated fir tree, a replacement for the sacrifices made to the oak, which was sacred to the pagan god Odin.  
Roman emperors often demanded Yule gifts of clothing, gold and silver from their subjects, and so did the kings and queens of medieval England. It is said that Queen Elizabeth I galloped most of her wardrobe through these compulsory gifts. In later years the idea of giving in a spirit of kind-hearted generosity developed.

**When Caroling Began**  
With the joyful strains of "Silent Night," "The First Noel" and other beloved carols, today's carolers carry on the meaningful Christmas custom that originated centuries ago. As early as the fourth century A. D., a musical poem was sung in honor of St. Basil and his victory in the fight for Christianity over the Byzantine emperor Julian. In Greece, legends of St. Basil were later put to music and sung at Christmas and the New Year.  
The first real Christmas carols, however, were probably sung in the Italian mountain village of Greccio when St. Francis of Assisi created the first manger scene in 1223. He and his brethren led the villagers in singing hymns of praise to the Christ Child.

**Source of Giving**  
Giving gifts at the Yuletide season has many precedents. In the years before Christ, Romans gave branches of laurel, olive and myrtle to each other at the Saturnalia, a pagan festival that occurred about the same time as the present date of Christmas. In England and Northern Europe, Druid worshippers tied gifts on trees during Yule festival held at the winter solstice.

**Holly Holds Sway**  
The holly tree and its brightly berried branches hold an important place not only in holiday decorations but in the legends and lore of Christmas.  
An old belief in England and Germany was that there are "he" and "she" hollies — the "he" hollies with spined leaves, the "she" hollies smooth-leaved. The varieties brought into the house at Christmas supposedly showed who would head the household for the coming year — "he" or "she."  
A variation on this custom said that if the holly was brought into the house in fair weather, the wife would rule, but if the weather was bad, the husband would be master.  
Holly was credited with many magical and medical powers. It was believed to cure toothaches, banish rickets, and even forestall the names of their future husbands.



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**Decking the Halls**  
Decorating with red and green, traditional at Christmas, traces back to the early use of red-berried green holly to "deck the halls."  
**HELPING SANTA**  
In Northern Europe, where Santa Claus arrives on a white horse, boys and girls put out food for the horse.

In France, "santons" are better known than Santa. "Santons" are clay replicas of members of the Holy Family, manger animals and saints.  
Since the creche, rather than the evergreen tree, is the center of Christmas home decoration in France, the santons play an important part.



Bells ringing, carol-singing tell the joys of Christmas.  
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# THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

BY MRS. ROBERT CANNON

IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY that "The Keyhole" carried a feature story about a five year old who had celebrated her birthday with a party beneath the Christmas tree. As I recall we had a picture of the children opening the gifts "for" the little honoree. And now she is thirteen.

On December fifth Sammie Waters again entertained her friends but this time they came to spend the night and enjoy talking as only girls can. There were sleeping bags all over Grace's house, although they did not see too much use. Saturday morning found the group playing basketball and other games before time to go home.

The guests were: Sylvia Smith, Carolyn Gaines, Beverly Rainer, Beth Farris, Brenda Zophia, Marilyn Taylor, Nina

Rowe, Margie Bruce, Barbara Brunson, Gloria Thomas, June Jacobs, Eron Holloway, Candace Oggs, Sue Young, Nancy Brock, Kay Stevens, Sheila Hudson, and Carol Vaughan.

ANOTHER BIRTHDAY was remembered by Lillian Taylor when she entertained for daughter Nancy, who is now eight years old. The Taylor's home and spacious yard proved a wonderful place to play and there were prizes for the winners of games like "Pin the tail on the donkey." Brother Dan assisted, serving as "referee" in many of the activities.

The cake was a delight as its white frosting was decorated with green holly leaves nestling in clusters of red berries and red candy canes. Sounds too pretty to cut!

Invited were: Babs Bruce, Courtney Cannon, Bums and Bev Cox, Angela Bedsole, Rhonda Jacobs, Rhonda Morrow, Paula Taylor, Judy Lee, Ann Martin, Chert Clay, Sherri Cook, Melanie Carley, and Judy Karon Hudson.

A RECENT LUNCH hour was enlivened for us by the daughters of Jimmy Bowdoin who were "eating out" with their grandparents, the Cecil Bowdoin. The little girls looked like the dolls chiding on Christmas morning, dressed in pastel blue velvet jumpers with their soft blonde hair falling in ringlets to their shoulders. The miniature blue ribbons they wore accented their blue eyes and each clutched a small and, obviously, much loved baby doll.

We thought them perfectly precious, an opinion the grandparents also hold, I'm sure.

THE BRIDGE CLUBS held their own holiday celebrations and we contacted each one to share the news with you.

On Tuesday of last week, Doris Pinkard decorated her home with the traditional colors of green and red. Polsterias were used in abundance to complement her rich green house plants. The dinner was served from a heavily laden buffet table and the card tables were covered in linen.

Irma Warr and Mary Louise Collier were the special guests and we certainly regretted not being able to go ourselves. The prizes were won by Irma, Ella Jeter, and Ida Kimmey to top off a nice, competitive evening. Four year old Kim King, daughter of Judy (Pinkard) and Rann King, enjoyed assisting her grandmother with the hostessing.

The Gracie Bridge Club dined at Padgett's where the long banquet table was covered in white and centered with a large arrangement of greenery and berries among which stood tall red candles. Miniature copies of this were placed at the ends of the table. After dinner the members played cards at Sylvia Brown's home. Suzanne (Hayes) Clark was a guest and prizes went to Pat Gregory, Frances Hutto and Pearl Meacham.

The E.O.C. Club enjoyed a seafood dinner at the Enterprise on Friday evening with Grace Waters acting as hostess. Mary Ann Gibson, Sylvia Brown, Pat Gregory, Peggy Windham and Pearl Meacham were special guests and prizes were taken home by Pat Gregory, Pearl Meacham, Mary Ann Gibson, and Sammie Morrow.

TWO departments of Dorsey's were feted quite nicely this week. The Engineering Department dined and danced at the Enterprise on Tuesday evening and the Research and Development Department did the same on Wednesday evening. We hear both occasions were a great success.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS Store glass containers of food in a dark place. Light will bleach out the color of canned foods.

When you hang a raincoat up to drip-dry, stuff the pockets with tissue paper to dry the inside corners.

Protective foods that also are concentrated sources of energy include butter, fortified margarine, cheese, peanut butter, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, ice cream and pudding.

as each lady brought a holiday decoration she had created herself to complement her home. These were displayed and construction details explained. Two wreaths—one of Japanese holly sprayed gold and tied with red ribbon, and one of boxwood and blittersweet—were shown and then taken to City Hall and the Elba General Hospital to be enjoyed by everyone.

Francis Farris and Miss Eunora Farris were hostesses and had fashioned a striking standing arrangement of red and white poinsettias to grace the hearth.

HEARD many fine compliments on the book review Martha Francis Stephens gave to the 20th Century Study Club last week. She reviewed "Bill Wallace in

China", the moving story of a medical missionary. Hostesses for this affair were Pat Williams and Martha Easters at the home of the latter.

The vice-president, Frances Griffin, led the pledges. Terry Davis gave the devotional, after which the club reporter, Gail Kidd, read the report of the past month. Roll call and minutes of the October meeting were read by the secretary, Mary Lee Bozeman.

George R. Flemming then took charge of the program, giving an interesting demonstration on the four basic foods. All members of the club made menus for a day's meals, after which the meeting was adjourned until January 14, 1964.

DRIVE CAREFULLY

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## Santa's Busy, But He Has Plenty of Help

Even though Santa is sometimes pictured as traveling by rocket or by jet plane, his favorite mode of transportation still seems to be the famous reindeer-drawn sleigh. The only wonder is that he can remain as jolly as he is traditionally, when he has to cover the world in one night, delivering gifts by the billions.

Perhaps the explanation may be found in the number of helpers he has, and also in the fact that Christmas Eve is not his only day for delivering gifts.

St. Nicholas, a real bishop, was the first "Santa." Many legends grew up around his death on December 6, about 342 A.D., he was honored as a friend to the young.

December 6 became "Children's Day," and St. Nicholas, traveling by horse, brought gifts to reward children for good behavior.

Although Santa has to a large extent replaced St. Nicholas, in some European countries children still await the arrival of the bishop on the night of December 6.

Today, carols from many lands and many epochs fill the air at holiday time.

Some of the carols are lost in the past, but many can be traced to interesting origins.

"Silent Night"

A broken organ inspired "Silent Night." So that the people the parish had, have a song at Christmas, Father Joseph Mohr, an Austrian priest, wrote the carol, and his organist composed the music. It was sung on Christmas Eve 1818, to guitar accompaniment.

"Deck the Halls"

Expressing the merriment of Christmas, "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly" is an English carol set to an old Welsh air. It refers to such ancient traditions as the "bloody Yule."

"First Nowell"

First published in English, "The First Nowell" is believed to be primarily a French carol. The French word "Noel" comes from the Latin word meaning birth. "Nowell" is the anglicized version. Both mean Christmas or a "shout of joy" for the birth of Christ. Tune is a medieval shepherd song.

"Adeste Fideles"

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "Adeste Fideles" may have been written by the 13th century writer and teacher, Saint Bonaventure, but its exact origin is a mystery. There's no

For Kissing

Secular and religious Christmas customs met in the old English "kissing hunch." This evergreen ball had mistletoe, for kissing, hung from the center.

But it also contained small dolls to represent Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as well as an array of fruits and colorful ornaments.

## Merry Christmas to all!

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## Snow Scenes Say, "It's Christmas"

By ANNA MANG

Where the sun shines bright, the air is balmy and never is heard the disconcerting howl of a blizzard, Christmas is still a winter wonderland.

In northern climes the plant is, "We just don't have snow for Christmas the way we used to," and even in climates where decorated palm trees substitute for evergreens and holiday picnics are more likely than sleigh rides, snow and plenty of it seems an essential part of the vision of the Yuletide.

Country snow scenes are popular greeting card subjects and Christmas illustrations in Southern states, South American countries and many other places where snow seldom or never falls. Songs and stories tell of a Christmas world wrapped in wintry white.

It was rainy season.

The popularity and persistence of the "winter wonderland" idea seems more remarkable since "snow for Christmas" must have been improbable, if not impossible, as a part of the Holy Night. Rain was more likely, especially on the date officially celebrated as Christ's birthday. December 25 is right in the midst of the rainy season in Bethlehem.

Early art depicting the Nativity and the events following it was faithful to the probabilities in these paintings, the shepherds watched in fields free of snow, and the Holy Family fled to Egypt under sunny skies, their route marked by palm trees. Later, snow appeared in paintings of the Holy Night.

White Means Purity

Part of the explanation may be that white, rather than red and green, was early chosen by churches as the color of Christmas. White is, of course, the symbol of purity and innocence, and a landscape white with snow thus becomes a proper expression of the true spirit of Christmas.

Other explanations may be found in the origins of Christmas customs. Many of the pagan rites which were absorbed into the Christian celebration came from Northern Europe and, if not associated directly with snow, at least reflected the need for warmth in winter.

The Yule log, for instance, became a part of the early Christmas, and certainly an open fire indoors is enlivened by a blanket of snow outdoors.

Had Snowy Source

Consider, too, that a number of modern Christmas customs — the tree and its lights, for instance — came from Germany, where cold, snowy winters might logically contribute to the legends and lore of the season. The first lighted tree was, supposedly, created by Martin Luther as a symbol of a starry sky on a snowy night.

In modern times Irving Berlin and Bing Crosby have substantially strengthened the vision of a "White Christmas." Bing singing, Berlin's famous song is now a traditional part of the Yule season.

While many, perhaps most, people may be able only to dream of a white Christmas and create its semblance with cotton or spray-on snow, it's a safe assumption that the happiest season will continue to be envisioned as a snowy winter wonderland.

## Christmas Is Quite Colorful In Warm Climate Of Arizona

Unlike Christmas in colder states, the Yule season around the winter resort of Phoenix, Arizona, and the Valley of the Sun means no snow but bright sunny skies. It seems a bit strange to tourists — perhaps, but local folks do all they can to prove stunning is more fun than shoveling. Special dinners, festivals and other activities add a special flair and gaiety to the Phoenix celebration.

COLORFUL

One of the most colorful of all the festivities is the annual Las Pasa-das observance by Arizonians and Mexicans. Starting about a week before Christmas, people representing Mary and Joseph re-enact the traditional night-time search for lodgings in Bethlehem. They go from house to house, until finally at the pre-arranged one they are "taken in for the night." Climax of the celebration comes when merry makers break open the huge pinata hung from the ceiling and stuffed with candies and other goodies. There's always a scramble for the prizes.

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THE STORY OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST has, for centuries, been an inspiration to artists. The Nativity, the adoration of the shepherds, the journey of the Wise Men and the Madonna and Child have been the subjects of hundreds of beautiful paintings. "The Madonna and Child," shown here, is by Vincenzo Foppa, a Milanese painter of the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. It is painted in tempera on wood. From the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Theodore M. Davis Collection. Bequest of Theodore M. Davis, 1915.

### Romantic Custom

In Greece, the burning log joins with romance in a colorful holiday custom. Two olive leaves — one for HE and one for SHE — are tossed to the hot coals. If the leaves curl toward each other, the pair is destined to live happily and long. If they bend away from each other, they may expect difficulties. If they burn to a crisp, it means the lovers' love is all consuming and that, they say, is best of all.



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**Miracle in a Manger**

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No palace physician attended the Prince of Peace — perhaps a mid-wife or a serving maid.

No fine linens were prepared for the mother; no crib for the Babe — just the straw and the manger were theirs.

No royal salute was fired to announce His arrival — only the braying of the animals in their stalls was heard.

Never was royalty greeted with less pomp and circumstance.

Why? Because man could not raise himself to God!

So God sent His Son to light up our hearts and minds with His Divine Presence.

His living Spirit brightened the most ordinary and commonplace tasks of the day.

If He could so hallow that stable, can He not hallow our homes, our places of work, the whole of our lives?

Oh, course! Consider again and again the miracle of His birth. Be in church on Christmas to welcome anew the Christ child in your heart.

Sunday Psalm 149:1-9	Monday Isaiah 7:10-17	Tuesday Isaiah 9:1-7	Wednesday Matthew 1:18-24	Thursday John 1:43-51	Friday John 7:40-52	Saturday Galatians 4:1-4
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### Leads to Seals

Inspiration for the first Christmas seals came to Einar R. Hoell, a Danish postal clerk, as he was sorting packages one Christmas season. He envisioned all the packages bearing the King and many of Denmark's leading citizens endorsed the idea. In 1904, later, the plan spread to Norway and Sweden, and in 1907 was adopted in the U.S. More than 50 countries now use the seal.



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### "A Christmas Carol in Prose"

Being a Ghost Story of Christmas" was first published at Christmas 1843, and since that time its popularity has never waned.

Generation after generation has laughed and cried over the story of the miserly Scrooge, who through the revelations of three spirits — Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come — became a man who "knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge."

Charles Dickens, creator of the "Carol," loved it as well as, or perhaps even better than, its many readers did. He told of crying and laughing again and again as, captivated by his story, he wrote the 30,000-word book in six weeks.

When Dickens gave readings from his works in England and America, the story of Scrooge was always the prime favorite with his audiences.

Perhaps the best known part of the story is the Christmas dinner at the Cratchits, where Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present observed the family of his clerk, Bob Cratchit, making merry over a simple Christmas dinner, highlighted by a goose — "There never was such a



"GOD BLESS US, EVERY ONE!" said Tiny Tim. "Since Tiny Tim first spoke these words at the Cratchits' Christmas feast, Charles Dickens' famous 'A Christmas Carol' has become one of the best known and loved of holiday stories. Illustration above is from The Book of Knowledge.

One of the most famous speeches in the English language is, doubtless, Tiny Tim's, at the conclusion of the Christmas feast, 'God bless us, every one!'

### Pagan Feasts Are Source Of Customs

Most of the customs now associated with Christmas were originally pagan or non-Christian, according to The Encyclopedia Americana. Saturnalia, a Roman feast celebrated in mid-December, provided the model for many of the merry-making customs of Christmas. From this celebration, for example, were derived the elaborate feasting, the giving of gifts and the burning of candles.

Lights also played an important part in most winter solstice festivals. An obscure figure in the early mythologies of the East emerged as a sun god. From the 1st century B.C. this figure, Mithras, was adopted by an increasing number of Roman soldiers and others. Mithras' greatest festival was that of the winter solstice, the time when the god began to return to his worshippers.

In the 8th century the Western church ordered a feast celebrating the birth of the Savior to be observed on the day of the Mithraic rites of the birth of the sun and at the close of the Saturnalia.

Among the German and Celtic tribes the winter solstice was considered an important point of the year and to commemorate the return of the sun they held their chief festival of Yule, which, like other pagan celebrations, became adapted to Christmas.

The Teutonic Yule feast also provided customs for the Christmas festivities, such as the Yule log and wassail bowl.

**GROWING HOLLY**

A holly tree grows 15 years before it produces, but its life may be as long as 125 years.

### Bells

Ringing bells in churches, for solemn and glad ceremonial occasions, goes back to about 7 A.D.

In early British church bells tolled for an hour on Christmas Eve, announcing to Satan the coming of Christ. At midnight, joyous peals heralded Christ's birth.

### Dowries Filled Early Stockings

St. Nicholas, the early bishop who was the first Santa Claus, is also credited with originating the custom of hanging up Christmas stockings.

According to legend, he wished to provide dowries for the three daughters of a bankrupt merchant. Since he wanted the gifts to be anonymous, he tossed bags of gold down the merchant's chimney. Accidentally, the gold fell into stockings the girls had hung by the fireplace to dry.

Factual handicap is that, though St. Nicholas lived in the fourth century, stockings weren't made with feet until the 13th century — but the Christmas stocking story is still a happy legend.

**SANTA'S ELVES**

The little elves who help Santa in his workshop probably came from the Scandinavian countries. In Norway, Denmark and Sweden, children are told of the "tomten," little gray-bearded, elf-like men who hide presents for boys and girls on Christmas Eve.

### Cards Show Changes

Greeting cards for Christmas show, each season, an increase in the number of religious subjects — but this has not always been true. In fact, the earliest Christmas cards often had designs that seemed to have no connection with the holiday.

Instead of Nativity scenes or symbols of holly and mistletoe, early American Christmas cards of the 19th century were decorated with roses and portraits of young ladies, according to The Encyclopedia Americana. Often, plump, rosy girls were pictured sitting on tree branches dripping with icicles. In this early stage pin-up girls were not unusual. Kate Greenaway drawings were frequently used, some cards picturing single figures from her drawings, others portraying dancing girls with garlands of flowers.

About 1870, cards were fringed and fringed with heavy silk.

### Berries Brighten

The bright red berries of the holly, an evergreen shrub native to California, are widely used as Christmas decorations.

This shrub, with its thick dark green leaves, can grow to a height of 15 feet. The Encyclopedia Americana says, "Its flowers are white, its berries yellow or bright red. The Christmasberry is often known as the toyon."

### Of Ships at Yule

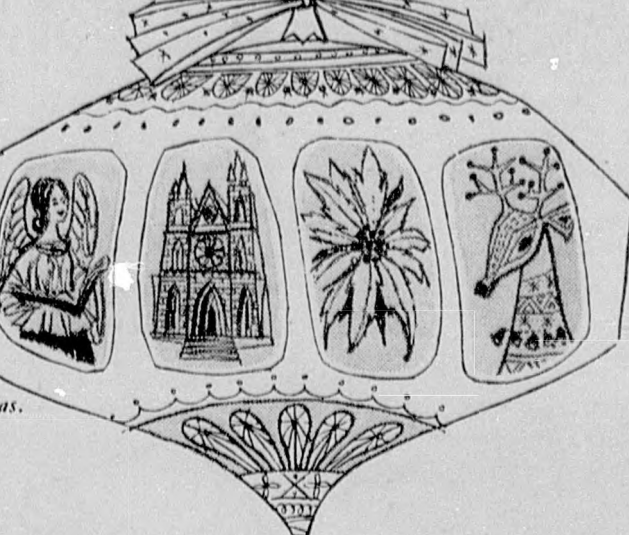
Ships arrive on Christmas morning, carrying Jesus, Mary and Joseph, says the English carol, "I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing." This is one of many legends developed by seafaring peoples to connect Christmas and ships.

Stories of the first St. Nicholas were carried from Asia Minor to Northern Europe by sailors, and children in Holland long believed that St. Nicholas arrived by ship from by ship.



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## Beasts and Birds Share in Yule Legends

In the lore and legends of Christmas, the beasts of the field and the birds of the air play their part — and appropriately so, for the oldest and holiest Christmas story of all tells of shepherds with their flocks — shepherds who went to seek and find a Holy Babe lying in a manger.

Animals of the manger in the time of Christ were likely to be the sheep and goats, cattle, horses, donkeys and pigs. All of these figure in Yuletide songs and stories — even the pig, who has held the place of honor at many a Christmas feast.

Telling of the First Christmas Eve, the famous carol, "Away in a Manger," says, "The cattle were lowing, and the oxen were chewing the cud, and the asses and the mangers, and the other animals in the manger, as well as the flocks of the shepherds."

**Feeding Birds**  
In Scandinavian countries people place sheets of grain and bits of suet on trees and rooftops, so birds can feast.

**They Feast**  
Because an ancient tradition holds that animals helped to

bring the Christ child to the manger.

**Journeying to Bethlehem**

On the first Christmas, says a Spanish legend, a cow in the manger breathed on the Baby Jesus to warm him.

**Knocking Deer**  
Early French-Canadian settlers in Quebec bewilder the

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**Food for Puss**  
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**Lithographer "Fathered" American Greetings, Encouraged Artists**  
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**Season's 'Firsts' Are Traced**  
Shepherds watched, angels sang and wise men traveled far to behold the miracle of the first Christmas.

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spread the glad tidings of the birth of Christ, barnyard animals in many countries are still served a special supper on Christmas Eve.

**Cattle Speak**  
An old German legend has it that cattle kneel in their stalls at midnight on Christmas Eve. Then, for a moment, they have the power of speech. Other legends broaden this to include all animals.

**From Spanish Lore**  
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## Marzipan Has Sweet Story

Sweet is the history of marzipan, a confection that is usually thought of as a Christmas candy. Today, it is still being made with the same kind of ingredients as those used hundreds of years ago.

It consists of freshly ground almonds made into a paste, whole eggs or whites of eggs, sugar, syrup and flavoring. Sometimes honey is added.

There are many legends concerning the word, "marzipan," says the Candy, Chocolate and Confectionery Institute. One old tale attributes it to the bread eaten by St. Mark in the desert — "Mazal panis," the bread of Marcus.

Records show that Bartolomeo Scappi, secret cook to Pope Pius V, made marzipan with the ingredients now found in modern recipes for the candy.

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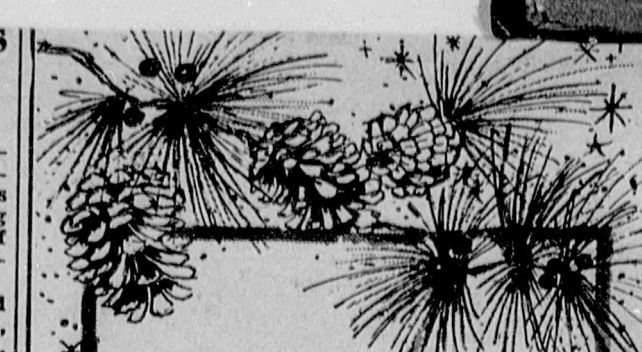
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Mrs. M.J. Lee and Mrs. T.B. Bryan visited Doctor and Mrs. R.M. Bryan in Birmingham Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. Richard Norman, of Huntsville, met them there to bring her daughter Lynn, who came home with her grandmother, Mrs. M.J. Lee.

Miss Ella Kate Allen was at home from Troy State College last week recuperating from an attack of flu.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Doug Kendrick, Genia and Jo Ruth, and Mrs. J. C. Fleming visited in Montgomery Thursday.

Mark Craig, of the U.S. Marines, visited Mr. and Mrs. Drexel Cook, Mrs. James English and Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Buchanan last week.

Mrs. C.H. Page, of Henderson, Texas; Reverend and Mrs. Fred Davis, of Luvemo, and Miss Pearl

Mrs. Addie Lee Prescott, over-all chairman

Character Education

Through the ages, bells have been used for many purposes — announcing the approach of winter, for instance, or signaling the beginning of curfew. Early associations with bells had come to signify the passing of the Christmas season.

An early custom was the tolling of church bells on Christmas Eve, during the four hours before midnight. The tolling announced the death of Satan, and at midnight joyous peals told of the birth of Christ.

In England, where bell-ringing is an honored family tradition, the joyful bells ring Christmas morning.

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## Dark Holy Season

Candlelight and music, pag-  
ants and prayers fill churches  
everywhere as Christians cele-  
brate, at special services, the  
birth of Christ. The joy and  
wonder of Christmas, with its  
message of new life, hope and  
promise of "Peace on Earth,  
Good Will toward Men," finds  
expression many ways.

In choir singing the praises  
of the Babe of Bethlehem, in  
scenes symbolizing the birth  
of a child in a manger, in the  
gleam of candles reflecting the  
light of a Star, in the sound  
of voices raised in carols gath-  
ered from around the world  
and showing the true brother-  
hood of man, Christmas in all  
its beauty and glory goes out  
to hearts young and old.

"Christus Mass"

To Western Christian be-  
lievers, December 25 carries  
all the deep religious meaning  
appropriate to the anniversary  
of the birth of Christ. As the  
date for the celebration of  
"Christus Mass," the Mass of  
Christ, it was selected some  
centuries after the Nativity—  
selected from a number of  
possible dates, among them  
January 6, March 21, March  
29, April 8, May 20, September  
29 and November 17.

In some Eastern Orthodox  
churches, Holy Night comes on  
January 6, Christmas Day on  
January 7. The Armenian  
church celebrates Christmas  
on January 19.

Generally, researchers are  
agreed that the correct date  
and year of Christ's birth are  
lost in the past, although some  
tentative conclusions can be  
drawn. Since it is the meaning  
of the day that counts, the  
date that has for centuries  
symbolized the coming of the  
Saviour will undoubtedly con-  
tinue its holy significance in  
Christmas.

To those who like to ponder  
on the world as it was when  
the infant Jesus was born, and  
on the growth of Christianity,  
some delving into the re-  
searches about Christmas can  
be a rewarding experience.

Any tendency to take Christ-  
mas for granted disappears in  
the fascinating study of the  
early Christian church and its  
growth in the face of resistance.

A comparison of Biblical  
references with archaeological  
and historical researches dis-  
closes that Christ was prob-  
ably born before 4 B.C.—in  
other words, the present year  
is not 1963, but the Christian  
era but at least 1969.

Evidence to support this re-  
sult is found in the following:

### Warding Off Witches Led to Candy Cakes

One of the most popular  
symbols of the Christmas holi-  
days, candy cakes, began with  
an old superstition during the  
Middle Ages. Europeans of that  
period carried glass candies to  
distract evil spirits.

Belief was that the evil ones  
became so interested in sort-  
ing the candies that casting of  
evil spells was forgotten, re-  
ports the Candy Chocolate  
and Confectionery Institute.

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TELEPHONE 897-2236

## Paschal's Dairy

713 CRAWFORD AVENUE ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA

TELEPHONE 347-6382

ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA

## Elba Drug Company

TELEPHONE 897-2398

MR. AND MRS. STOKES HAIRE

## GREETINGS

At Christmastime, we raise our voices to  
wish you all every happiness, and  
express our sincere gratitude for  
your kind patronage and good will.

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To you, our good friends and customers,  
we're wishing a Christmas merry and bright  
with good times and good fellowship.  
And we warmly extend our grateful  
thanks for the pleasure of serving you all year.

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## THE ELBA CLIPPER

DECEMBER 19, 1963

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January 15, 1964, between the  
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Mary A. Lee  
Chairman

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORE-  
CLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF COFFEE

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Thomas Daniel, his wife, Anna  
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WHEREAS, A. D. Silver and wife,  
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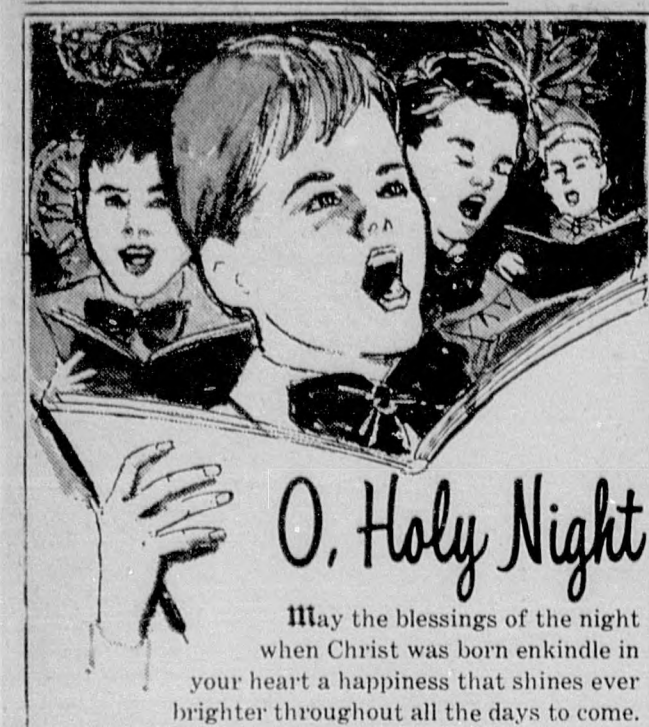
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## O, Holy Night

May the blessings of the night when Christ was born enkindle in your heart a happiness that shines ever brighter throughout all the days to come.

It has been a pleasure, as an official, to serve the people of Coffee County and it is my desire to continue to be of service during the coming year. If I can be of service please telephone or see me.

**Flournoy Whitman**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Telephone 897-2701



# Greetings

Glowing as a cheery hearth, bright as a gaily-lighted tree are our warm-hearted wishes for your joy and contentment at this happy holiday season. We greatly enjoy our pleasant business relations with you and hope that they may long continue. To you, our most grateful thanks.

**Hogg Appliances**

New Brockton

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## Live Nativity Scene To Be Viewed

The First Baptist Church invites everyone to drive by and see the live nativity scene in front of the church on Sunday, December 15th through December 24th, from 5:30 until 6:30 o'clock.

This scene will be made up of the following young people:

Thursday - Harriet Collier, Bill Bruce, and Lanna Hooty; Friday - Sandy Cain, Don Boswell, and Lanna Hooty; Saturday - Harriet Collier, Bill Bruce, and Nina Rowe; Monday - Gall Proctor, Don Boswell, and Suzanne Prior; Tuesday - Carole Proctor, Claude DeVane, and Suzanne Prior.

## Tiger Band In Concert December 19

The Elba High School Tiger Band, under the direction of Joe V. Summers, will present a concert of special Christmas music at the high school auditorium, Thursday night, December 19th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this program and support the band.

## Elba Theatre Creates Much Interest

Since the re-opening of the Elba Theatre, a number of changes have been made including a new screen. Good pictures are being shown each week as well as more interest in the operation of a movie in Elba.

On Wednesday night of each week "Check Night" is being held. The management will be glad to explain the "Check Night" operation.

On Saturday, December 21st, and on Monday, December 23rd, a turkey is to be given away. No registering will be held and stubs from the purchased tickets will determine the winner.

New improvements have been made in the concession booth where refreshments may be purchased. The management says that a good way to spend an evening is at the Elba Theatre and she invites the whole family to enjoy the movies with them.

## C of C To Give Free Theatre Tickets

The Chamber of Commerce members will have tickets good for admission to the Elba Theatre on Tuesday, December 24th. Ask your member merchants for a ticket.

## Westside YWA Meets With Glenda Ennis

An interesting program revealing the theme "Literacy, The Key To Education" was presented to the Westside YWA at a meeting on Monday night, December 16th. Those who were on program were: Betty Roberts, Glenda Ennis, and Bertie Hodge.

Glenda Ennis was hostess to the members at her home. Delicious refreshments were served to: Angie Sikes, Gayle Murphy, Jeanine Roseman, and those already mentioned.

## Elba Schools To Close For Holidays

The Elba school will dismiss for the Christmas holidays Friday morning, December 20th. Date as to when the students will return to school has not been announced but will probably be Monday, December 31st.

## Household Hints

To bring out the flavor of cheese, take it out of the refrigerator and let it reach room temperature before serving. Small pieces of cheese need about 15 minutes; large portions may take two hours.

## Tigers Fight Hard Battles With Hartford-Andy

The Elba Tigers dropped the Hartford Bulldogs by 7 points in a hard fought battle. The Tigers were led by Jimmy Enzor with 18 points, Joe Hodge 14, Jerry Griffin 13, Joe Spurlin 3, Lamar Kelley 2, and Dwight Holley 2.

The Elba "B" Team won by a score of 56-45.

The Andalusia Bulldogs defeated Elba in a closely fought contest in Andalusia by a score of 42-39. The Elba team was led in scores by Jerry Griffin with 12 points, Jimmy Enzor 9, Dwight Holley 9, Joe Hodge 7, Joe Spurlin 5.

Elba succeeded with a 26 percentage of their attempts from the floor, and Andalusia successfully made 4 out of every 10 attempts.

The Elba "B" Team made it three in a row by dumping the Andy Pups with a score of 38-22.

**Good Wishes to All!**

In great sincerity, we express our appreciation for our friendly association. May you and yours have a holiday season abundantly filled with joy.

**Thompson's Cafe**

Telephone 897-2591

# Merry Christmas

We wish you merriment and the many joys of giving and receiving, at this happiest of holiday seasons. May this truly be a Christmas to remember! With our best wishes we want to express our warm appreciation of your kind patronage and good will. We sincerely hope that our cordial relations will long continue.

**Lucile K. Woodham McRae**

**A. T. McRae**

**Cleo Roberts**

**Larry K. Woodham**

**John Ferrin Cox**

**The Elba Clipper**

## Holy Meaning of Christmas Expressed in Church Services

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Like the shepherds who left their flocks to seek the Babe of Bethlehem, men, women and children of this community will put aside not only their everyday concerns but the more immediate interest in tree-trimming and package-wrapping and go to find once again the holy meaning of Christmas, in special services held by local churches.

Catholic churches will proclaim the birth of the King of Christendom by solemn midnight masses. To commemorate the Nativity, Protestant churches will hold candlelight

and communion services and children's programs. The custom of saying mass at midnight derives from an old belief that Christ was born at that hour. Actually, mass may be said at any hour during the night before Christmas, and in some countries the first Christmas mass is said at four or five in the morning.

According to early Roman regulations, Christmas mass was celebrated "when the cock crows" — about three o'clock in the morning. Spanish-speaking people still call midnight mass "Misa de Gallo," while the Portuguese term is "Missa do Galo" — in both cases, "mass of the cock."

Candlelight services held in Protestant churches symbolize Christ as the light of the world, and the shining beams of the candles call to mind the Star that shone to guide the Wise Men.

Exemplifying the spiritual side of Christmas are programs which include special sermons, reading the Christmas story, prayers, carols and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Evergreen Christmas trees are made out of almost everything, from aluminum to plastic — but the world's favorite Christmas tree is still the evergreen.

Many legends explain how the evergreen became associated with Christianity and Christmas. One is the story of St. Wilfred, according to The Book of Knowledge.

Speaking to a group of converts, the saint sought to illustrate how they had broken away from the heathen worship of the Druids.

He chopped down a giant tree — an oak, since this kind of tree was one of the chief objects of Druid worship. As it fell with a crash, it split into four pieces. From the center a young fir tree sprouted.

St. Wilfred told the converts that the fir should grow from then on serve as their "holy tree."

"It is the sign of an endless life," he said, "for all its leaves are evergreen, and it points toward heaven."

It is the wood of peace, for all your houses are built of the fir. Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child, and about it, not in the wildwood, but in your homes."

Manger Once Pagan Site

Gathered in the Church of the Nativity, thousands of Christians from around the world will worship in Bethlehem this Christmas. A highlight of their pilgrimage is, for most, a visit to the Grotto of the Nativity — traditionally, at least, the manger where Christ was born.

Opposition to Christianity in the first years of the new religion actually led to the preservation of the manger — an improvised stable in a cave hewn out of rock, near the center of the hill town of Bethlehem.

The Roman emperor Hadrian, who ruled from 117 to 138 A.D., sought to halt the fast spread of Christianity, and he had the cave converted to a grotto for the worship of the pagan god Apollo. The very fact that the cave was marked, though for pagan purposes, helped to preserve knowledge of the site of the Nativity.

Later a silver star was set in the stone floor of the cave, and since 1873 each regime to rule Bethlehem — now a part of Jordan — has posted night and day guard over the star.

Let us, at Christmas, pray that the spirit of the Nativity may be with us always.

Let us, with faith reaffirmed and resolve renewed, pray that we may live as He would have us live, ever seeking to attain "Peace on earth, good will to all."

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## HEARTS GO HOME AT CHRISTMAS



Christmas is that time of the year when most every heart turns homeward.

The blinking lights of a Christmas tree in the window or the jingle jangle of Christmas bells is enough to send one's thoughts winging across the years and over the mountains and seas to that "one best Christmas of all" so long, so long ago.

The sounds and the smells of Christmas are so easily captured — a freshly-cut evergreen, a basket of fruits and nuts, cookies and pies, turkey roasting in the oven, the pop-pop-popping sound of logs burning low in a hearth fire.

How easy today for the crunching sound of boots in the snow to bring the memory of long ago when young hearts trudged across the crusty fields toward the light that beckoned through the church window, a haven of warmth and peaceful reverence in the near-dawn of a Christmas morn.

How easy to recall the sight of a family gathering about the tree, first for a moment of prayer and thanksgiving, and then the merry sounds, the laughter, as one by one, each opened a gift from beneath the tree.

This is a part of the Christmas, this turning homeward.

If time and distance make the "real" trip home impossible, the next-best thing is a trip down memory lane.

Lemon production is down 28 per cent from the 1961-62 crop.

Best holiday wishes and sincere thanks to you all!

**Hayes Hardware**

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The miracle of Christmas, holy source of hope and joy, once more spreads its wonders, its radiant promise across the land... and the Star shines, as on that hallowed night, with eternal light. The blessings that rise from the sacred manger are manifold and everlasting. Our wish is that you and yours may be blest with the divine comfort and inspiration of Christmas, now and always.

**CITY OF ELBA**

**Mayor: Dozier Roberts**

**Councilmen: Fulton Spurlin - Elmer Taylor - L. B. Murphree - Jordan J. Lindsey - Owen Zigler**



## Christmas Seals Began In 1904

Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the fight to stamp out tuberculosis, have been with us since 1904.

The idea was conceived by a Danish postal clerk in 1903, while mailing Christmas packages and letters. Einar Holboell mentioned the idea to his fellow workers and they thought it would be a great help in defraying the cost of

fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise appeared on the first seals in 1904.

A Danish-born American, Jacob Rila sold the idea to the American public in a 1907 magazine article and a Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Blaisell, started the first American sales that year.



May the Spirit of Christmas abide with you and fill your heart with peace and happiness in all the days to come.

Ladies' Auxiliary of Post 42  
American Legion  
MRS. EVERETT KELLEY, PRESIDENT



Peace

As we celebrate the glory of His birth, let us also remember how He taught that love of mankind is the true path to Peace on Earth.

American Legion

Post No. 42

JESSE G. MURPH, PRESIDENT



QUIET COUNTRY LANDSCAPE COVERED WITH SNOW is traditional vision of Christmas cherished by most folks. Even in climes where snow never falls, dreams of a white Christmas dance in the heads of young and old. With a little imagination, Christmas is always a winter wonderland.

## One Holiday Has Many Rituals

Though Christmas comes but once a year, there is certainly no one and only way to celebrate it. In addition to the many customs that are generally shared, lighted lights, trees, gifts, Santa, prayer and feasting of the holiday are as varied and numerous as the communities and families involved.

Often the history and culture of a community is the inspiration for the way it celebrates Christmas. In other cases the "customs" are consciously developed, in an effort to express the spirit of the season. It doesn't take long for these community projects to become well-loved, even "old-fashioned" traditions.

Volumes could be filled with an account of interesting community Christmases, each of them different. A few are summarized below.

### "Santa's Land, U.S.A."

Feature of the Christmas season at Putney, Vt., is "Santa's Land, U.S.A." Santa greets his friends here in one of his homes-away-from-home since the North Pole must be considered his official residence.

The building is set against a background of pine trees, in the foothills of Vermont's Green mountains. The large letters "S. C." on the chimney identify it as Santa's residence.

### In New Orleans

Carol sings are a traditional part of the holiday season in New Orleans. Many of them are held across the street from St. Louis cathedral. This historic cathedral in the French

Quarter is a focal point for the community's religious observances of Christmas.

Here youthful carolers from a private elementary school, La Petite Ecole, convene to sing the familiar songs, in both French and English.

"Christmas Tree Lane"

Important part of the holiday season in California is the famous ceremony of "Christmas Tree Lane" at Altadena. Huge cedar cedars border a public thoroughfare in this city, and at Christmas it is transformed into "Christmas Tree Lane." The trees are lit with thousands of bulbs, turned on at dusk on Christmas Eve, and motorists celebrate the spectacle by driving slowly along the lane.

### "City of Candlelight"

Richmond — City of Candlelight! has been the Christmas theme for Richmond, Va., for the past five years.

Taking the cue from Colonial Williamsburg, Richmond sought to initiate the rebirth of an old-fashioned Christmas tradition by urging residents and organizations to "place an electric candle in every window."

The shopping area presents triple candles in evergreen boughs set in the medallion from the windows of the governor's mansion and the capitol glow electric candles, including planes are greeted with candles at the airport, virtually every building in the city cooperates.

### In French Canada

In French-Canadian homes, one of the highlights of Christmas is the "Reveillon," a middle-of-the-night family feast, for adults. The meal is served after the return from midnight mass but the preparations start many weeks ahead.

Much of the food for the feast, nowadays, centers around turkey and trimmings. But the traditional dishes, including goose with nut stuffing, and such specialties as "tortures," or spicy pork pies, are still prepared for the Reveillon.

### Actors Go A-Caroling

Community caroling in Hanover, Va., for the past 10 years has been provided by a group of actors from Barksdale theatre and friends.

Moving about the town in red costumes and carrying lighted candles, the carolers concentrate on houses with children and elderly people. They approach the houses singing "Jingle Bells," render two more carols, and move away singing "We Wish You

### Tinsel

Tinsel on the Christmas tree began, so legend says, when spiders covered with webs a tree that had been decorated by a mother for her many children.

To reward the woman for her goodness to her children, the Christ Child changed the spider webs to gleaming silver.



PAY THE PRICE  
"Penny-wise, pound-foolish." This common old expression explains why many fishermen constantly complain about "never having any luck."

Most anglers invest considerable sums in rods and reels, then fail to pay the price in time that's necessary to catch fish, observe the experts.

The facts of successful fishing are simple: you must fish where the fish are. Most of the time that's right down on bottom among the rocks and brush that inevitably take a heavy toll in plugs and jigs and other hardware.

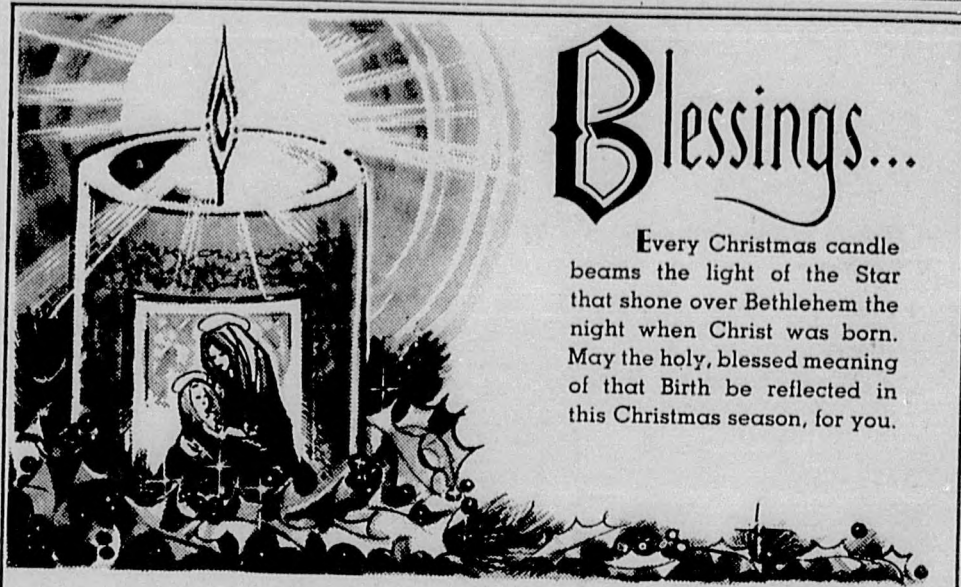
Loss of tackle is part of the price of fishing. And the willingness to pay this tariff often separates the amateur from the pro. The latter has learned from long experience that worrying about the well-being of a lure is false economy.

Fortunately, not all plugs that get hung up are lost. A careful angler usually can shake them free, the use of a lure retriever will account for most of the others. All that's lost is a few minutes of casting time.

When you start snagging lures you probably start catching fish.



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Elba Jaycees



## Silent Night

As on that holy night when Christ was born, the joyous message of His birth re-echoes throughout the busy world, filling every heart with peace and good will. May this true Christmas spirit enrich your life and the lives of your loved ones.

## PIGGLY WIGGLY

B. T. Stanford, Manager

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## Helicopter Pilots Give To Family

A tragedy-struck Dale County family has been given an assist by a graduating class of helicopter pilots at the Army Aviation School.

The 55 men in Officers' Rotary Wing Aviator Course 63-7 voted to give their party funds to the Henry Langford family of Midland City. Eleven members of the family were killed December 7 when their station wagon was struck by a train on the outskirts of the community.

The money was originally set aside by the class for a graduation party that was cancelled because of the mourning for President Kennedy. The class had received the \$165 as a dues refund for having 100 per cent membership in the Army Aviation Association of America.

The check was presented by the class leader, Captain Rex Peterson of Rexburg, Idaho, to Midland City Mayor Johnnie Daniel during the class graduation today.

Mr. Brown expressed the appreciation of the town and the Langford family for the generosity of the Army Aviators.

## Death Claims Many During Holidays

The closing hours of Christmas are saddened for many Americans as deaths on the nation's highways continued at a mounting pace.

As the midweek two-day holiday neared its end, the count of traffic fatalities in the United States stood at 243, far above a toll for a recent nonholiday period of equal length.

The current count started at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday and ends at midnight Wednesday.

The National Safety Council made no preliminary estimate of the number of persons that could be killed in traffic during the 48-hour period.

During last year's Christmas holiday, a four-day period, there were 646 traffic deaths, second highest on record for a four-day Christmas holiday.

Horace Paul Enzor, Jr., has been designated as manager for the Elba Apparel Inc. plant after graduation from Auburn University in Industrial Management in 1959. Enzor accepted employment with the Alabama Textile Products Corporation, Andalusia, Alabama. His assignment in Andalusia has been with the Quality Control department where he specialized in setting up statistical quality control programs.

He is married to the former Miss Nancy Costen, E.C. Nevins, superintendent of Kinston schools, and J.L. Kimbro, publisher of The Elba Clipper and The Florida News. He is also a former newspaper publisher. With the exception of Puzan, all of those pictured reside in Kinston.

The Kinston Manufacturing Company makes Billy Boy jackets and other sports wear.

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## Senior Bowl Event January 4 In Mobile

Mobile's annual Senior Bowl football game, scheduled January 4, is listed as one of the top travel attractions of the month on a calendar circulated by the National Association of Travel Organizations.

The state Bureau of Publicity and Information, a member of NATO, recommended to the organization that the game be listed on the top 20 calendar.

The listing of the top 20 travel attractions is circulated throughout the U.S. each month to hotels, motels, restaurants, travel agencies, motor clubs, etc.

"We are delighted that this outstanding event has been selected as one of the major events of interest to tourists in the United States," said Governor George C. Wallace. "We welcome the many visitors who will come to Alabama for the game. We know they will enjoy it, as will the millions who will see it on nationwide television," he said.

The Senior Bowl game is nationally famous. It features outstanding college football players in their first game as "professionals."

## Wallace To Tour Western States In Industry Campaign

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On his recent tour of New England and New York, Governor Wallace was warmly received and was pleased with the response of the people there and their understanding of the South and its problems.

## JOHNSON CALLS EX-PRESIDENTS

President Johnson met in touch by telephone Wednesday with all three living ex-presidents — to wish them a Merry Christmas.

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## PROGRESS CONTINUES AT ELBA COUNTRY CLUB

Progress is being made each day at the Elba Country Club. At present the dam is near completion. Overflow pipes have been placed and all it lacks are little finishing touches and then turn the cut-off valve and all will be ready for the lake to be filled. The filling of the lake will begin about the middle of January. Arrangements are being worked out with the State Conservation Department for the stocking of the pond with fish. The club house is now under construction and it is anticipated to be completed around the middle of February, with weather permitting. At present the floor has been poured and steel beams have been put in place. Monday it was reported that the end walls were beginning to take shape and the fireplace had been completed. The clubhouse will have an eight foot fireplace at one end where seven foot logs can be burned. This is one of the most attractive portions of the clubhouse.

The golf course has been roughed out and work has begun on the trees and greens. Arrangements have been made for additional work to begin January for the completion of the golf course. The golf committee reports that the course will be completed and ready for play in late spring. Much work has been done on this project by individuals during their spare time.

The swimming pool committee reports that final plans have been made on the pool and that a contract for it will be let in the very near future. The pool will be a large one which will accommodate many people.

The tennis courts will be developed during the spring. These are to be lighted courts for night play.

Looks like all facilities will be completed by the spring with the work progressing as it is. Visitors are welcome at any time to go and take a look at this project.

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